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Communication Link Failures in a Digital Data Network

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Dear Sir:

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In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are presented below with amendment status shown.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of recovering from failures on a network having a plurality of nodes coupled by links over which data packets can be transferred between the nodes, each of a plurality of nodes storing information that associates links out of the node with destination nodes to which data packets can be transferred such that the node can forward data out of the node over a link to a next successive node toward an associated destination node, said method comprising: